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## GRANTS PASS SOLDIER RAPS WOMAN WRITER

Y. M. C. A. "SOCIETY MATRON"  
CLAIMS HUNS HAVE WON SYM-  
PATHY OF YANKS

"OPEN INSULT TO THE A. O. C."

Private Harvey Says "Y" Worker's  
Statements Create Wrong Impres-  
sion and Shows Ignorance

According to a letter just received from E. R. Harvey by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Harvey of this city, some of the Y. M. C. A. writers and visitors now mingling with the army of occupation in Germany are doing a great injustice to the veterans who drove back the Huns across the Rhine. One of these women writers has had charge of a canteen near Monte Carlo and she has just made a trip to the area of occupation held by the American troops. Here is part of what she wrote for a Toledo, Ohio, newspaper:

"This morning we listened to a lecture by Col. Taylor of Pershing's staff. He spoke of the German propaganda among the American soldiers of the army of occupation and how serious the conditions were up there. Our boys are billeted in German homes and the scheme in Germany is to treat our boys royally. Consequently our boys are now saying how much better they like the Germans than the French, as the Germans treat them better. General Pershing is so alarmed over the situation that he has sent officers to the different Y. M. C. A. huts to give talks and ask for help. He says the officers of the A. E. F. have no influence with the soldiers but that with the American women lies the influence. Col. Taylor says the whole trouble was in putting in the army of occupation soldiers who had not done any fighting. The soldiers who did the fighting are now being sent home, so consequently the American soldiers in the army of occupation did not see any of the horrors of war or the terrible villainy of the Germans."

"The largest paper in Marseilles is published by German money and it has published terrible lies about the Americans in order to incite the French against us. All that Col. Taylor says is true, and we hear in our work dozens of times a day from our soldiers how fine the Germans are and that they, our soldiers, hate the French."

Private Harvey, better known to his many friends in Grants Pass and Josephine county as "Chub," entered the first of the fighting with the U. S. marines; was at Chateau Thierry and all through the "big drive" until the end of the war and is now with the army of occupation. He is with the Second division. Here is what he says in answer to the above article, written by Mrs. Aaron Chembrough, formerly a society leader of Toledo:

"I suppose you read a lot of stuff in the papers concerning the manner in which we are treated by the Germans and how much the 'Y' and other welfare organizations are doing for us over here. (Well, there may be some little truth in some of the articles, but I think you would be playing pretty safe if you did not believe anything you read about us along that line. I am going to send you a little clipping written by a 'Y' woman over here. She accuses us of being German sympathizers. I think it is the most open insult to the officers and men of the army of occupation that could possibly be written and I don't think it could have been written by any true American. Such articles are creating a lot of false impressions on the people at home for there are bound to be some who will believe such stories."

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## CLAIMS JAPS ARE PROTECTING CHINA

Japanese Newspaper Says China  
Must Not Be Allowed to Barter  
Away Her Birthright

Tokio, July 19.—"Japan does not pretend to be wholly unselfish in her policy toward China," says the Herald of Asia, a conservative journal of Japanese thought. "Japan is protecting China chiefly for the sake of her own security," the paper continued.

"Japan cannot allow China to barter away her birthright even if she is simple enough to engage in such folly. If China wants to test Japan's sincerity let her refuse all further concessions to occidental nations and secure for all time the inalienation of her territory, and Japan's task in regard to China will be finished."

"It is a question, however, whether China is yet able to do without the assistance of Japan in keeping foreign nations at bay; and this help, strange to say, is just what China does not want. Is it that China would rather be a slave of the white races than the equal of Japan? We can hardly credit this."

"There is no need for China to be anxious about the return of Kiaochow. Japan has promised to restore the territory to China just as soon as China is able to guarantee that it will not again fall into the hands of a third party. What more can China desire? And does justice require more? China talks as if she were an absolutely independent nation, granting concessions to no country. If she will take this attitude toward all western countries, Japan will be ready to concede China her new status. But to show a desire to cast out Japan while leaving the others in place, is something no one can expect Japan to approve."

## ETNA REBEKAH LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

One of the most noteworthy fraternal events of the week was the installation of the elective and appointive officers of Etna Rebekah lodge Monday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall, when district deputy, Marguerite Bratton, assisted by Grand Marshal Jeannie Burke, placed the following into their respective chairs:

Noble grand—Lillian Reynolds.  
Vice grand—Hazel Huntly.  
Recording secretary—Maude Fry.  
Right supporter N. G.—Ella Holman.  
Left supporter N. G.—Alice Cougle.

Right supporter V. G.—Allie Everett.  
Left supporter V. G.—Edna Watts.  
Conductor—Lida Ffield.  
Inside guardian—Alva Kiphart.  
Outside guardian—Ruth Hammond.

Chaplain—Mrs. F. S. Ireland.  
At the close Mrs. Jeannie Burke, retiring state president, gave a short address to the officers and members, that they work unitedly for the social and fraternal welfare of Etna Rebekah lodge and for the principles of Oddfellowship—friendship, love and truth.

The lodge had the pleasure of greeting Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Leonard, of Holtville, Cal., Mrs. Leonard being a past grand of Barbaraworth Rebekah lodge of El Centro, Cal.

## GERMANS SAY HOLLAND WILL GIVE UP KAISER

Paris, July 19.—The Nord Deutscher Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin, the mouthpiece of the government under the imperial regime, declares it has information that Holland will consent to the extradition of former Emperor William, according to a Berlin dispatch to Paris newspapers. The formal handing over of the former emperor to the allies, it adds, will take place at The Hague.

## ANOTHER BIG GRAFT CHARGE BEING SPRUNG

COMPTROLLER WILLIAMS AC-  
CUSED OF TAKING COMMISSION  
FOR SALE OF ARLINGTON

REP. M'FADDEN WOULD IMPEACH

Comptroller Says "Charges Are  
Falsehood From Start to Finish;"  
Received No Compensation

Washington, July 19.—Charges that John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, aided by his brother-in-law, Louis C. Williams, of Richmond, Va., in negotiating for purchase by the government of property in Washington valued at \$4,200,000 and received part of the commission for the sale, was made today before the house rules committee by Representative McFadden, Pennsylvania republican.

McFadden asked the house to report out his resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate, and announced that if the investigation was not ordered he would prefer charges on the floor of the house and ask Williams' impeachment.

Comptroller Williams said the charges "were utterly without foundation and a falsehood from the start to finish." He said he had no interest in the sale of the Arlington hotel property to the government and received no compensation.

## BRITISH CELEBRATE

London, July 19.—The British Empire celebrated the peace treaty today. Nineteen thousand allied soldiers marched here and King George received the warriors' salutes.

## ASHLAND CHAUTAUQUA SUCCESSFUL OPENING

Ashland Chautauqua opened Friday with a record house to hear Billy Sunday in the evening. J. H. Fuller, president of the association, states that the season this year promised to eclipse all other years, and that they have talent which will draw big houses. The camping facilities have been enlarged but are still inadequate to accommodate all without some crowding.

Edwin W. Whitney, great dramatic reader, and Camp Lewis quartette appear Monday, and Tuesday will be Bryan and band day.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

Washington, July 19.—President Wilson today signed the sundry civil bill revised by congress to meet his objections. The agricultural appropriation bill, with the daylight saving repeal rider eliminated by the house for the second time, now awaits senate action.

## PORTLAND OPERATORS GROWING SUSPICIOUS

Portland, Ore., July 19.—The striking telephone operators and electrical workers are uncertain today whether to return to work Monday as ordered from San Francisco. Some of the members think the move is a ruse to get the employees back until government control ends.

## MORE TROUBLE LOOMS UPDOWN IN OLD MEXICO

BANDITS NEAR TAMPICO ROB U.  
S. SOLDIERS WHO DISEMBARK  
FROM THE CHEYENNE

CARRANZA ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Similar to Incident in 1914 When U.  
S. Troops Took Possession at  
Vera Cruz

Washington, July 19.—A boat from the United States ship Cheyenne was held up by armed men in the Tamesi river, near Tampico, Mexico, on July 6th and sailors of the United States navy robbed.

This incident is similar to that which occurred in 1914, which resulted in the occupation by the United States of Vera Cruz. Urgent representations to President Carranza have gone forward.

The boat from the Cheyenne flew the American flag. Enlisted men were on a fishing trip and were robbed of their personal effects.

The state department regards the incident as most serious. Both the Mexican government and Tampico authorities have been notified and they promised to investigate the matter immediately. President Carranza's forces are in complete control of the Tampico district.

## O. A. C. REGENTS IN CITY FOR FEW HOURS TODAY

President J. W. Kerr, O. A. C.; Walter M. Pierce and wife, La-Grande; Jefferson Myers and wife, Portland; Geo. M. Cornwall, publisher of the Timberman, and Mrs. Cornwall; Portland; J. K. Weatherford and wife, Albany; and Addison Bennett of the Oregonian, were in the city today and stopped a few moments to call on friends. They represent the board of regents of O. A. C. and are just completing a trip of inspection of the seven experimental stations in the state and checking up on the work of the county agents. They have traveled already about 1200 miles by automobile and have visited the stations at Hood River, Moro, Herminston, Union, Burns and Talent, coming to southern Oregon by the way of Crater Lake.

The gentlemen speak very highly of the work of Dr. Reimer of the Talent station who has been of such value to the pear growers by the discovery in the interior of China after a world search for a variety of pear immune to blight, and by the discovery that the application of sulphur to the alfalfa field increases the crop 10 per cent. Mr. Reimer was expecting to take the train today for San Francisco to sail for China on another investigation trip but was unable to do so as his passports had not arrived. The trip will now have to be delayed another year.

Mr. Cornwall complimented the Courier on the article appearing in Friday's daily with reference to the saving of the redwoods as commented on by Mr. Graves of the forestry department. Mr. Cornwall is on a committee appointed for the purpose of devising means to save the redwood forests. In commenting on the forest fire situation Mr. Cornwall, stated that he wired Mr. Graves last night requesting that he ask the war department for troops to be used in helping extinguish the forest fires in Idaho and Montana, referring to the splendid service of the troops a few years ago in Idaho, Montana and Southern Oregon as auxiliaries to the forest fire fighting forces. At that time Mr. Cornwall wired President Taft for troops and the troops were on the ground within 48 hours.

## 100,000 TYPHUS CASES CAUCASUS

People Die Like Flies for Lack of  
Medicine; Red Cross Faces Huge  
Task Fighting Disease

Paris, June 22.—(By mail).—A Cossack herdsman from the eastern corner of the Black Sea, in high astrakhan cap and faded long coat, recently wandered into American Red Cross headquarters in Paris. He had sold everything he owned in order to meet the expense of a journey across Europe to tell the Red Cross that the Cossacks of Kuban were dying of typhus.

He told his story to the Commissioner, who ordered an immediate investigation. Major Edwin C. Dexter, of Urbana, Ill., formerly head of the Montenegrin Unit of the American Red Cross, was sent to Kuban to report on conditions. He found there were 100,000 cases of typhus on the slopes of the Caucasus and that throughout the Kuban district there was a lack of all drugs and medical supplies. Not only were the people dying of disease, but the wounded soldiers of the army engaged in frontier fighting, were without dressings or anaesthetics for even major operations. Not in the whole of Kuban was there a single ounce of ether or chloroform.

As a result of these reports, the American Red Cross has outfitted a ship to proceed to Kuban with complete equipment for a five hundred bed hospital, 1,500 tons of drugs and 1,500 tons of clothing. Ten Red Cross officers and fifteen American relief administration workers make up the unit, which will establish a hospital and distribute the supplies with the full authority of the de facto government of the Kuban republic.

## RACE TO SEATTLE WITH ONE MILLION DOLLARS

San Francisco, July 19.—Carrying a million dollars worth of new savings certificates issued by the treasury, Robert E. Smith, director of the war loan organization of the Twelfth Federal Reserve district, started at 3 o'clock this afternoon in a race by airplane, motor boat, automobile and train, trying to reach Seattle before the departure of the mail steamer Alaska tomorrow night. The airplane will meet him at Roseburg tomorrow when the train arrives.

## JAPS TO WORK FOREVER FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Tokio, July 19.—Rejection of the Japanese claim for recognition of racial equality in the peace conference apparently has not discouraged those who are working in support of the principle through the Racial Indiscrimination league which was organized in Japan about six months ago. The organization has now been made, and its plan is to resubmit the proposal every year at the sittings of the league of nations council.

## PORTLAND MEN TAKE OVER YELLOW HORN

A deal has just been consummated wherein Leslie L. Pott and Hal J. Sisley, of Portland, become the operators of the Yellow Horn gold mine, in the Placer district. It was not an outright sale, but a lease and contract to purchase, the price being \$17,000. The mine was owned by the Yellow Horn Mining Company. Messrs. Pott and Sisley are preparing to work the mine immediately.

## MONTANA HARD HIT BY DROUTH AND BIG FIRES

THOUSANDS HEAD LIVESTOCK  
TAKEN FROM STATE, WHILE  
FARMERS RECEIVE AID

STREAMS ARE RUNNING LOW

Fires in Idaho and Washington Rage  
Unchecked; Much Valuable Tim-  
ber Being Destroyed

Helena, Mont., July 19.—The year of drouth which has precipitated a grazing crisis under which tens of thousands of cattle, horses and sheep are to be sent to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska to graze, is said to be the most remarkable in the annals of the state. The dry weather has caused serious forest fires and some are feared as August is a more critical month than July, while September and October are often the worst of all.

The rivers are low. The Missouri at Great Falls never has been known to be so low. Leading cities have begun to worry about their supplies of water for drinking and domestic purposes and conservation is being urged and even commanded by municipal ordinance.

The drouth is wider spread than it has been heretofore. Not only the so-called dry-farming counties, which ranked as semi-arid in the past and were used chiefly for grazing, but the fertile valleys of the south and west have felt the heat. Even irrigation has not always assured good crops, for water for that purpose has begun to run low.

Spokane, Wash., July 19.—Forest fires in Northern Idaho are still eating their way into valuable government, state and private owned timber. The citizens of Newport, Wash., are fighting fire about a mile from the town. Six fires are burning in Kanikun forest, near Newport.

Missoula, Mont., July 19.—Towns in the Coeur d'Alene valley, western Montana, are now threatened by the forest fires of district No. 1.

Last night the Henderson fire jumped the mountains into the Mulian gulch country, while the fire which is reported as threatening St. Regis, Mont., jumped the river there and is now spreading rapidly and with little opposition.

The greatly increased menace of the fires in the last two days is due to the excessive heat which was followed by high winds. Should the high winds continue, forest service officials declare, there are not enough men under orders of the district to stop the flames.

## CHICAGO THREATENED WITH ANOTHER STRIKE

Chicago, Ill., July 19.—Employees of Chicago's transportation lines have decided by an overwhelming vote to go on strike if their demands for a large wage increase are not met. Women cashiers of the elevated lines have joined the men in voting. Mayor Thompson has appointed a mediation committee.

## PACIFIC FLEET HAS SAILED FOR THE WEST

Old Point Comfort, Va., July 19.—Six super-dreadnaughts and 36 destroyers and tenders, the vanguard to lead the way for the 200 naval craft of the Pacific fleet, sailed from here today bound for the western coast via Panama Canal.